

## Substitute Bill No. 5705

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## AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2008) (a) On or before October 1, 2 2008, the Commissioner of Public Health shall establish and administer 3 a program to provide grants to municipalities and nonprofit 4 organizations seeking to promote health and wellness initiatives for 5 the purpose of developing community-based physical activity 6 programs to prevent or reduce the incidence of cardiovascular disease and obesity among children and adults, within participating 8 municipalities. No grant under this section may exceed fifty thousand 9 dollars.

(b) The commissioner shall issue a request for proposals biennially, on or before March first, for grant funding pursuant to this section, except that the commissioner shall issue a request for proposals no later than October 1, 2008, for grant funding for the period commencing January 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010. Each proposal for the development of a community-based physical activity program shall (1) include a description of the programs, objectives, budget and activities; (2) include a community assessment in support of the proposal and a detailed plan for program evaluation and the collection of outcome data; (3) demonstrate community involvement including

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- 20 the formation of a community-based advisory committee to oversee
- 21 the implementation and evaluation components of the program; and
- 22 (4) provide for dissemination of information to the public regarding
- 23 the availability of the program and creation of public awareness
- 24 regarding the health benefits of the program.

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(c) In awarding grants under this section, the Commissioner of Public Health shall (1) give priority to municipalities and nonprofit organizations that have identified local funding and other resource contributions for such community-based physical activity programs, and (2) attempt to distribute grant funds across a variety of demographic groups.

This act sha sections:	all take effect as follo	ws and shall amend the following
Section 1	July 1, 2008	New section

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